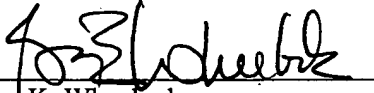


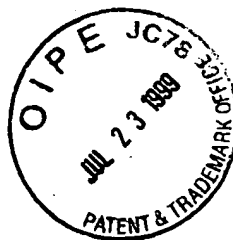
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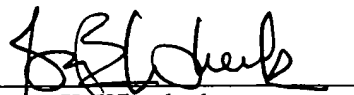
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It is believed that the fee enclosed is correct, but the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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